

# At Your Service Programs for You

CREEKSIDЕ COMMUNITY CENTER IS located at 9801 Penn Ave. S. For more information on programs, activities and services, call Human Services at 952-563-4873; TTY 952-563-4957.

## GET TO KNOW US

RECEIVE THE LATEST INFORMATION ON programs, activities and opportunities for seniors at the “Get Acquainted with Creekside” meetings held on **Wednesdays, January 4 and February 1, 10 - 11 a.m.**

## AARP’s DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASSES

MINNESOTA LAW MANDATES A 10 percent reduction in car insurance premiums for persons 55 and older who complete a defensive driving course. Classes are offered monthly. Cost is \$10. To register, call Human Services.

## CONNECT TO COMMUNITY RESOURCES

BLOOMINGTON FAMILINK PROVIDES information related to housing, financial assistance, health insurance, legal services, childcare and food resources for people who live, work or attend school in Bloomington. For more information or to request a resource catalog, call V/TTY 952-563-4957 or visit Creekside. Hours are Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## HOLIDAY BAKING NEEDS



THE CREEKSIDЕ BUYER’S CLUB CARRIES nuts, dried fruits, coconut, granola, oatmeal, bran, wild rice, honey, pure maple syrup and more. Hours are Thursdays, 9 - 11:15 a.m. and 12:45 - 1:30 p.m.

## HOLIDAY TEA AND STORYTIME

INVITE YOUR CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN, friends and neighbors to the annual Holiday Tea and Storytime on **Thursday, December 22, 9:30 a.m.**, at Creekside. This free program is sponsored by Human Services and Friends of the Oxboro Library. To register, call 952-563-4873.

## CREEKSIDЕ BOUTIQUE

THE BOUTIQUE OFFERS SPECIAL, ONE-OF-a-kind gifts including hand-crocheted and knitted items, quilts and afghans, dolls, doll clothes and furniture, and holiday decorations and ornaments. Holiday hours are Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 2:45 p.m., Tuesdays, 6 - 8 p.m., and Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

# AROUND BLOOMINGTON

# POLICE SCORE POINTS WITH YOUTH ANNUAL HOCKEY EVENT A SUCCESS



THE METRO ENFORCERS, A GROUP OF metropolitan-area police officers and federal agents, battled the Bloomington Summer Youth Hockey Program at the second annual Cops and Kids Hockey Game held at the Bloomington Ice Garden in August.

The “Kids” came out strong in a tough game that ended in a 5-5 tie. But the “Cops” found some much-needed energy and luck, and put two more goals home to win 7-5 in overtime.

Bloomington Police Department’s Christy Funk Anderson and Officer Jerry Wukawitz came up with the idea of a hockey game as a way to bring police officers and kids together in a relaxed and fun atmosphere.

“The event allows Police to have a positive, proactive contact with youth,” Anderson said. “It’s the last game of the kids’ summer program, so it is something they look forward to and a fun way to end the season.”

The Summer Youth Hockey Program began in 2001 as a way to keep the Bloomington Athletic Association recreational skaters, ages 12 - 16, on the ice throughout the summer months. Skaters work on skill development and hold scrimmages every week.

For more information on the Cops and Kids Program, call Bloomington Police at 952-563-4900.

# EXCELLENT COMMUNITY FOR YOUTH BLOOMINGTON NAMED ONE OF MINNESOTA’S BEST



BLOOMINGTON WAS NAMED ONE OF Minnesota’s Best Communities for Young People by the Minnesota Alliance with Youth. The designation is the local version of a national search for the 100 Best Communities for Young People by America’s Promise. Lieutenant Governor Carol Molnau recognized Bloomington, along with six other Minnesota cities, at the State Fair in August. Human Services, the Bloomington School District and Bloomington United for Youth worked together to complete the application that is used for both state and national competitions. For more information, call Kerry Stone at 952-563-8737.

# SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

THE CITY COUNCIL IS SEEKING APPLICANTS to serve on the following advisory boards and commissions for terms beginning January 2006: Advisory Board of Health; Board of Appeal; Human Rights Commission; Merit Board; Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission; Planning Commission; and Traffic and Transportation Advisory Commission. Youth positions are available on the Human Rights Commission and Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission.

For more information or an application, call the City Manager’s Office at 952-563-8785. Download an application at [www.ci.bloomington.mn.us](http://www.ci.bloomington.mn.us), keywords: Boards and Commissions. Applications must be received by **Thursday, December 15**, for consideration at the Council’s organizational meeting in January.

# REMEMBERING JAMES KING BLOOMINGTON MAYOR 1970 - 1974

JAMES KING, BLOOMINGTON MAYOR FROM 1970 - 1974, passed away in October. King’s service to Bloomington included two terms as Mayor and six years on the Planning Commission, where he served four years as chairman. He is credited with a number of accomplishments during a period of explosive growth for

Bloomington, that included helping to attract Normandale Community College. King was also instrumental in efforts to preserve 5,000 acres of parkland in the city. King owned James King and Associates Insurance Agency and other businesses.

# BLOOMINGTON YESTERDAY

# BLOOMINGTON ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (BAA) – 1956



Bloomington Athletic Association

BLOOMINGTON EXPERIENCED A population explosion in the 1950s, growing from less than 10,000 people in 1950 to 52,000 by the end of the decade. Services sprung up to accommodate the population boom. The Bloomington Athletic Association was launched in 1954 after 50 boys showed up for a traveling team tryout for the Bloomington Legion.

“Right then and there, we had to break it down to 15 kids. That’s all we

could have on the squad,” said BAA founder Arnie Johnson years later. “As I made the cut, I could see various kids with tears in their eyes and I thought to myself, ‘this isn’t what I want’.” Created with the philosophy that “everybody plays,” BAA grew into the largest volunteer youth sports organization in the country.

Pictured here is a BAA baseball game at the old American Legion Field in 1956.

# THINK IT’S A RITE OF PASSAGE?



MOST (89 PERCENT) BLOOMINGTON ninth graders reported they haven’t used marijuana in the last 30 days.

TALK TO YOUR KIDS ABOUT NOT USING DRUGS. THEY’RE LISTENING.



\*2004 Minnesota Student Survey